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## THE POWER WITHIN

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**PUBLIC RECEPTION** Sunday, September 15, 2-4 P.M.

MOCA Jacksonville continues its partnership with Art with a Heart in Healthcare (AWAHIH), a nonprofit organization that provides personalized art experiences to enhance the healing process for patients and families at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Children's Clinic, St. Vincent's, Mayo Clinic, Baptist MD Anderson, and Baptist Medical Center. This exhibition was created under the guidance of AWAHIH Artists-in-Residence. Each patient and AWAHIH Artist-in-Residence work together to celebrate and explore the artistic process, embarking on a transformative path of personal growth and self-confidence.

Over the years, the program has used new themes to encourage the patients to express themselves through art, helping them to articulate their feelings, ideas, and experiences, while gaining technical skills in both art and photography. At Wolfson Children's Hospital, the Artists-in-Residence from Art with a Heart in Healthcare presented a thought-provoking question to pediatric patients, "What powers lie within you?" By embracing the idea that inner strengths are like our superpowers, the children channeled their creativity to envision superhero versions of themselves, symbolizing their unique identities and their inherent qualities, strengths, and abilities.

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